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.....FOR AMBASSADOR HINTON FROM RP DAS DEWEY

.....E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
.....TAGS: SREF, AF, PK
.....SUBJECT: AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN: WORLD BANK
.....PROJECTS

.....REF: (A) ISLAMABAD 2493, (B) ISLAMABAD 1752, (C) STATE
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.....1. (C) - ENTIRE TEXT.

.....2. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE WORLD BANK HAS DEVELOPED A SET
.....OF PROJECTS DESIGNED TO HELP REPAIR THE ENVIRONMENTAL
.....DAMAGE RESULTING FROM THE INFLUX OF THE AFGHAN REFUGEES
.....INTO PAKISTAN WHICH WILL ALSO PROVIDE JOBS FOR A NUMBER
.....OF THE REFUGEES. THESE PROJECTS HAVE MANY ADVANTAGES
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FROM A U.S. POLICY PERSPECTIVE IN THAT THEY SUPPORT
PAKISTAN'S LONG TERM HOSPITALITY FOR THE REFUGEES,
PROVIDE USEFUL EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS FOR THE REFUGEES
THEMSELVES AND ASSIST A KEY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVE OF
PAKISTAN. THE PROGRAM (THE PLANNING FOR WHICH HAS BEEN
UNDERWAY SINCE 1982) WAS FORMALLY LAUNCHED IN JANUARY
WHEN LEGAL INSTRUMENTS WERE SIGNED AND THE UNHCR (WHICH
HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR RAISING FUNDS FOR THE PROJECTS)

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HAD RECEIVED DONOR PLEDGES AMOUNTING TO SOMEWHAT MORE
THAN HALF OF THE TWENTY MILLION DOLLAR COST OF THE TWO
YEAR PROGRAM.

3. THE USG HAS SUPPORTED THE PRINCIPLE OF THIS PROGRAM
FOR MORE THAN A YEAR, FOR ITS BENEFITS TO PAKISTAN AND
THE AFGHAN REFUGEES, AND AS A MODEL FOR UNHCR EFFORTS ON
BEHALF OF REFUGEES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

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